

**USE OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS**

2012 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Jim Nielson**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE****General Description:**

This bill amends provisions relating the use of a public building by a registered political party.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- requires the legislative body of a county, municipality, or school district to allow a registered political party using the body's meeting facility to clean the facility instead of using the custodial service; and
- makes technical and conforming amendments.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**20A-8-404**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 117

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **20A-8-404** is amended to read:

**20A-8-404. Use of public meeting buildings by political parties.**



28           (1) The legislative body of a county, municipality, or school district shall make all  
29 meeting facilities in buildings under its control available to registered political parties, without  
30 discrimination, to be used for registered political party activities if:

31           (a) the registered political party requests the use of the meeting facility at least 30  
32 calendar days before the day on which the use by the registered political party will take place;  
33 and

34           (b) the meeting facility is not already scheduled for another purpose at the time of the  
35 proposed use.

36           (2) (a) Subject to the requirements of Subsection (3), when a legislative body makes a  
37 meeting facility available under Subsection (1), it may establish terms and conditions for use of  
38 that meeting facility.

39           (b) The terms and conditions described in Subsection (2)(a) shall permit the registered  
40 political party to clean the meeting facility instead of using the custodial service for the facility.

41           (3) The charge imposed for the use of a meeting facility described in Subsection (1) by  
42 a registered political party may not exceed the actual cost of:

43           (a) custodial services for cleaning the meeting facility after the use by the registered  
44 political party if the registered political party does not clean the meeting facility; and

45           (b) any service requested by the registered political party and provided by the meeting  
46 facility.

47           (4) An entity described in Subsection (1) shall, to the extent possible, avoid scheduling  
48 an event in a government building for the same evening as an announced party caucus meeting.

49           (5) This section does not apply to a publicly owned or operated convention center,  
50 sports arena, or other facility at which conventions, conferences, and other gatherings are held  
51 and whose primary business or function is to host such conventions, conferences, and other  
52 gatherings.

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